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ABSTRACT

Provides information on state trees for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Includes for each state: (1) year in which state tree was chosen; (2) common and scientific names of the tree; (3) arbor day observance; (4) address of state forester; and (5) drawings of the tree, leaf, and fruit or cone. (JN)

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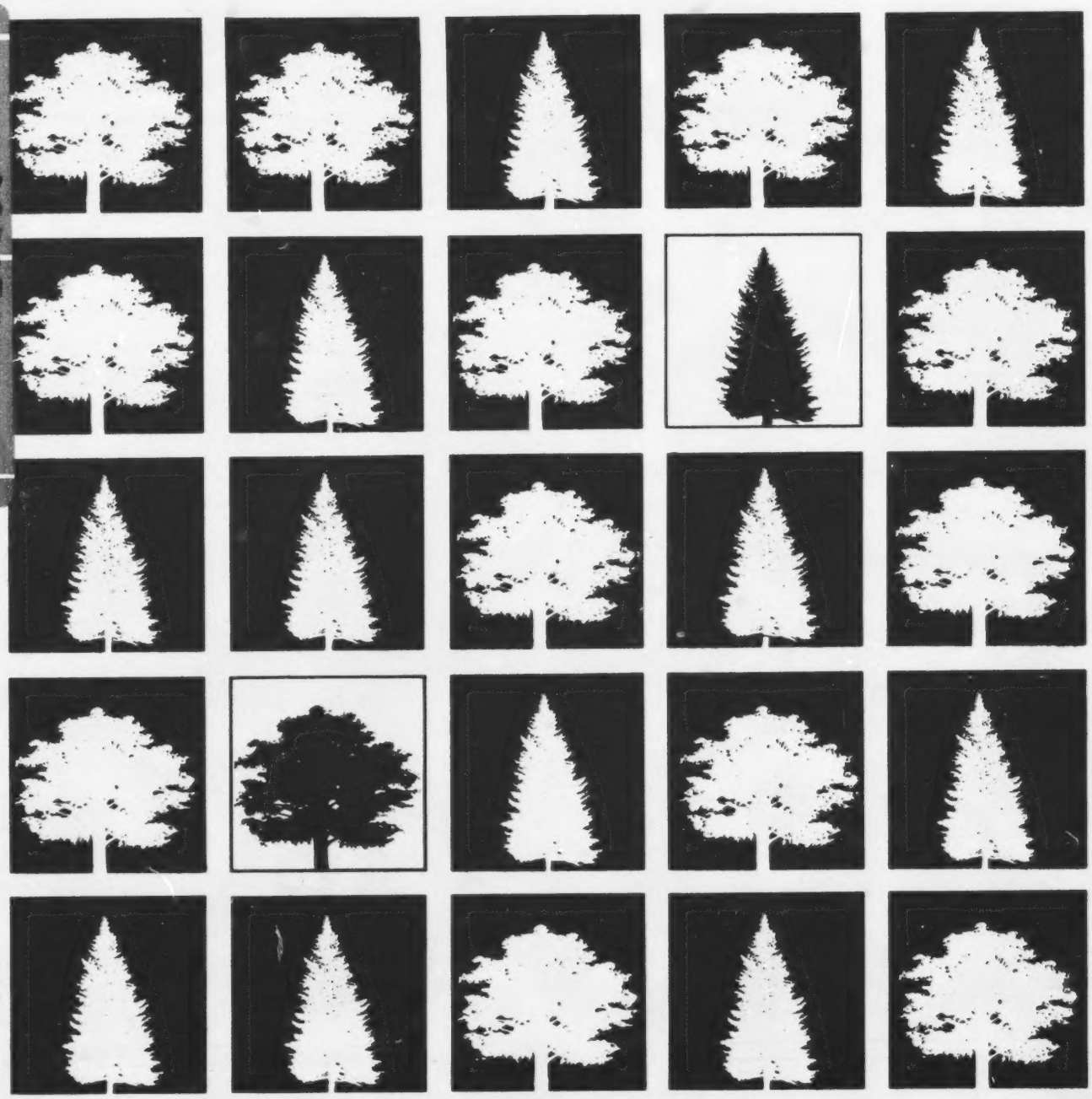

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Each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia has an officially designated State tree. Nineteen States have chosen conifers, or evergreen trees, and 29 States have chosen broadleaf trees, which shed their leaves in the fall. Two States, Florida and South Carolina, have selected a palm tree (Cabbage palmetto).

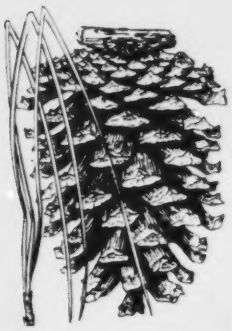
A few species are honored by more than one State. For example, white oak is the State tree of Connecticut, Illinois, and Maryland. In other States, more than one species is involved. Iowa, for example, has designated all species of oak as its State tree.

Arbor Day is a special day devoted to the planting of trees. It was founded in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, and was made a legal holiday by the Nebraska State legislature in 1885.

Today, every State recognizes Arbor Day. Either the State legislature sets aside a specific day for an Arbor Day observance, or the event is designated by Governor's proclamation or by the State Department of Education. Due to the variation in climatic conditions throughout the 50 States, a uniform date is not practical. Many have selected the last Friday in April, while others have set dates in the fall or winter.

State trees were carefully chosen to represent the individual States and the people who live there. The section on each State in this publication gives the year in which the State tree was chosen. This booklet also contains descriptions of these trees, the details on local Arbor Day dates, and the addresses of the State Foresters, who will gladly answer any questions about trees in your area. Trees are a resource of great beauty and value to our country. Please take this opportunity to learn more about them and to plant more trees for our future.

Alabama



Year 1949
Species southern pine (*Pinus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance Last full week in February
State Forester Alabama Forestry Commission
513 Madison Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

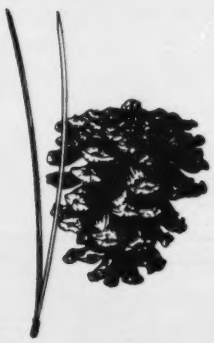
Alaska

Year 1962
Species Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis* (Bong.) Carr.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Monday in May
State Forester Division of Lands
323 East Fourth Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Arizona

Year 1954
Species *paloverde; palo verde (*Cercidium* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance Friday following April 1 in some counties,
Friday following February 1 in others.
State Forester State Land Department
1624 W. Adams
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Arkansas



Year 1939
Species pine (*Pinus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Monday in March
State Forester Arkansas Forestry Commission
3821 West Roosevelt Road
Little Rock, AR 72204

*Indicates common name approved by Forest Service followed by common name given in State law.

California

Redwood

Giant sequoia

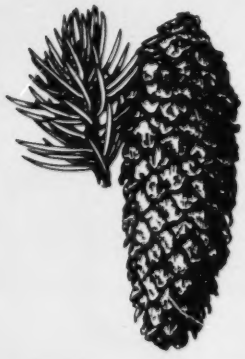
Year 1937, 1953

Species "California redwood," name given in State law for two species: redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens* (D. Don) Endl.) and giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum* (Lindl.) Buchholz).

Arbor Day Observance March 7-14

State Forester Department of Forestry
Resources Building
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Colorado



Year 1939 (unofficial)

Species *blue spruce; Colorado blue spruce (*Picea pungens* Engelm.)

Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in April

State Forester Colorado State Forest Service
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523

Connecticut

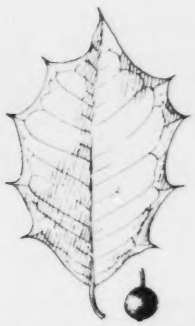
Year 1947

Species white oak (*Quercus alba* L.)

Arbor Day Observance April 30

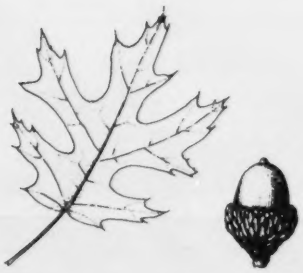
State Forester Forestry Unit
Department of Environmental Protection
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06115

Delaware



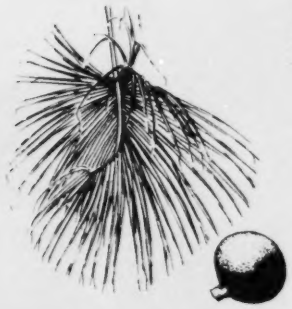
Year 1939
Species American holly (*Ilex opaca* Ait.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Delaware Department of Agriculture
Forestry Section
Drawer D
Dover, DE 19901

District of Columbia



Year 1960
Species scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea* Muenchh.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April

Florida



Year 1953
Species *cabbage palmetto; cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto* (Walt.) Lodd.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in January
State Forester Division of Forestry
Collins Building
Tallahassee, FL 32301

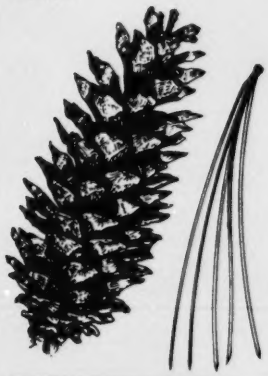
Georgia

Year 1937
Species live oak (*Quercus virginiana* Mill.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in February
State Forester Georgia Forestry Commission
P.O. Box 819
Macon, GA 31202

Hawaii

Year 1959
Species kukui; candlenut (*Aleurites moluccana* (L.) Willd.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in November
State Forester Division of Forestry
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Idaho

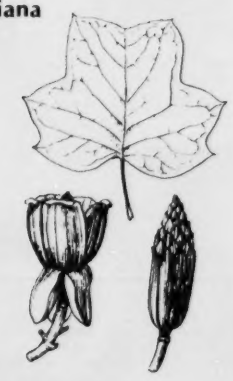


Year 1935
Species *western white pine; white pine (*Pinus monticola* Dougl.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Idaho Department of Lands
State Capitol Building
Boise, ID 83720

Illinois

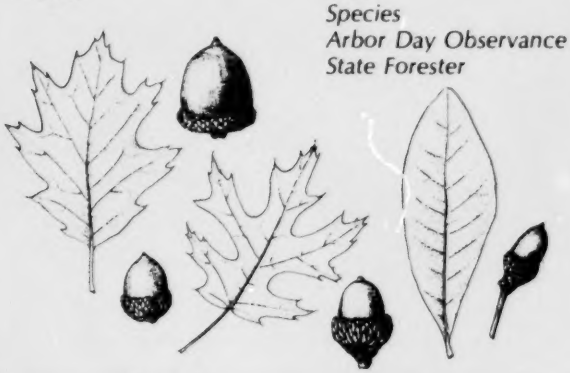
Year 1973
Species white oak (*Quercus alba* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry, Cons. Area
600 North Grand Avenue West
NW Office Plaza
Springfield, IL 62707

Indiana



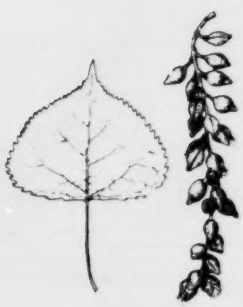
Year 1931
Species *yellow-poplar; tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
613 State Office Building
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Iowa



Year 1961
Species oak (*Quercus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester State Conservation Commission
Wallace State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Kansas



Year 1937
Species cottonwood (*Populus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in March
State Forester Forestry Building
2610 Clafin Road
Manhattan, KS 66502

Kentucky

Year 1976
Species Kentucky coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioicus* (L.) K. Koch)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in April
State Forester Kentucky Division of Forestry
618 Teton Trail
Frankfort, KY 40601

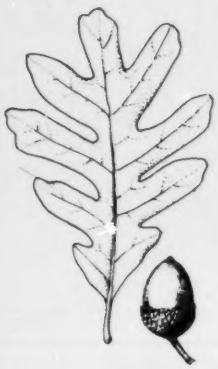
Louisiana

Year 1963
Species baldcypress; cypress (*Taxodium distichum* (L.) Rich.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in January
State Forester Office of Forestry
P.O. Box 1628
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Maine

Year 1945
Species *eastern white pine; white pine (*Pinus strobus* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Third week in May
State Forester Bureau of Forestry
State Office Building
Augusta, ME 04333

Maryland

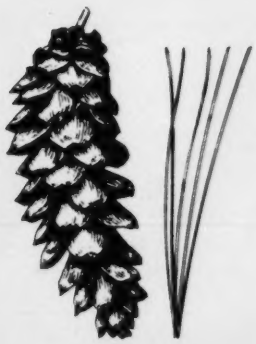


Year 1941
Species white oak (*Quercus alba* L.)
Arbor Day Observance First Wednesday in April
State Forester Forest & Park Services
Tawes State Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Massachusetts

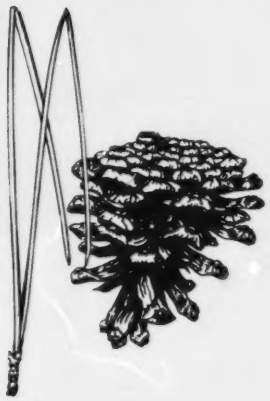
Year 1941
Species American elm (*Ulmus americana* L.)
Arbor Day Observance April 30
State Forester Division of Forests and Parks
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202

Michigan



Year 1955
Species *eastern white pine; white pine (*Pinus strobus* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Third week in April
State Forester Forest Management Division
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Stevens T. Mason Building
Box 30028
Lansing, MI 48909

Minnesota



Year 1953
Species *red pine; Norway pine (*Pinus resinosa* Ait.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
Centennial Office Building
Box 44
St. Paul, MN 55155

Mississippi

Year 1938
Species *southern magnolia; magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Friday in February
State Forester Mississippi Forestry Commission
908 Robert E. Lee Building
Jackson, MS 39201

Missouri

Year 1955
Species flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida* L.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday after the first Tuesday in April
State Forester Missouri Department of Conservation
2901 North Ten Mile Drive
P.O. Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Montana

Year 1949
Species ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa* Laws.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
2705 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59801

Nebraska

Year 1972
Species cottonwood (*Populus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance April 22
State Forester Department of Forestry,
Fisheries & Wildlife
Institute of Agriculture and
Natural Resources
Rm. 101, Plant Industries
Building
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, NE 68583

Nevada

Year 1953
Species *singleleaf pinyon; single-leaf piñon (*Pinus monophylla* Torr. & Frém.)
Arbor Day Observance February 28 in southern Nevada, April 23 in Northern Nevada
State Forester Division of Forestry
201 South Fall Street
Carson City, NV 89701

New Hampshire

Year 1947
Species *paper birch; white birch (*Betula papyrifera* Marsh.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forests and Lands
Box 856, Christian Mutual Building
6 London Road
Concord, NH 03301

New Jersey

Year 1950
Species *northern red oak; red oak
(*Quercus rubra* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Forestry Services
CN 028
Trenton, NJ

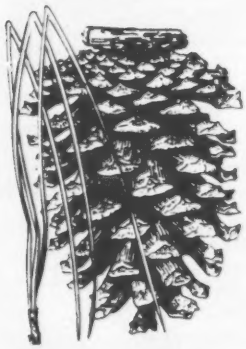
New Mexico

Year 1949
Species *pinyon; nut pine or pinon (*Pinus edulis* Engelm.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Friday in March
State Forester Division of State Forestry
P.O. Box 2167
Santa Fe, NM 87503

New York

Year 1956
Species sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Lands & Forests
Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12233

North Carolina



Year 1963
Species pine (*Pinus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday following March 15
State Forester Division of Forest Resources
P.O. Box 27687
Raleigh, NC 27611

North Dakota

Year 1947
Species American elm (*Ulmus americana* L.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in May
State Forester North Dakota State University
First & Simrall Avenue
Bottineau, ND 58318

Ohio

Year 1953
Species *Ohio buckeye; buckeye (*Aesculus glabra* Willd.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
Fountain Square
Columbus, OH 43224

Oklahoma

Year 1937
Species *eastern redbud; redbud (*Cercis canadensis* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Friday following the second Monday in February
State Forester Forestry Division
Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture
122 State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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Oregon

Year 1939
Species Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Mirb.) Franco;
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Department of Forestry
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

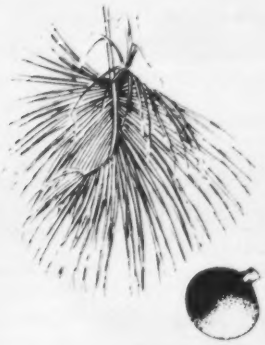
Pennsylvania

Year 1931
Species *eastern hemlock; hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis* (L.) Carr.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Bureau of Forestry
109 Evangelical Press Building
Third & Reily Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Rhode Island

Year 1964
Species red maple (*Acer rubrum* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forest Environment
Box 851, RFD #2
North Scituate, RI 02857

South Carolina

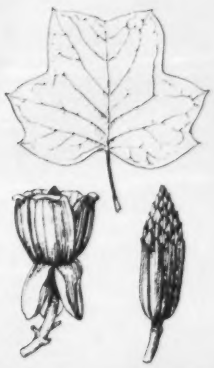


Year 1939
Species *cabbage palmetto; palmetto (*Sabal palmetto* (Walt.) Lodd.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in December
State Forester South Carolina Commission of Forestry
P.O. Box 21707
Columbia, SC 29221

South Dakota

Year 1947
Species *white spruce; Black Hills spruce (*Picea glauca (Moench)*
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Sigurd Anderson Building
Pierre, SD 57501

Tennessee



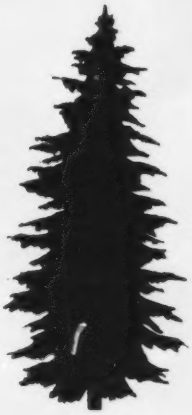
Year 1947
Species *yellow-poplar; tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera* L.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in March
State Forester Division of Forestry
4711 Trousdale Drive
Nashville, TN 37220

Texas

Year 1919
Species pecan (*Carya illinoensis* (Wangenh.) K. Koch)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in January
State Forester Texas Forest Service
College Station, TX 77843

Utah

Year 1933
Species blue spruce (*Picea pungens* Engelm.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in April
State Forester 440 Empire Building
231 East Fourth South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111



Vermont

Year 1949
Species sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in May
State Forester Department of Forests and Parks
State Office Building
Montpelier, VT 05602

Virginia

Year 1918, 1956
Species *flowering dogwood; dogwood (*Cornus florida* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Friday in March
State Forester Virginia Division of Forestry
P.O. Box 3758
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Washington

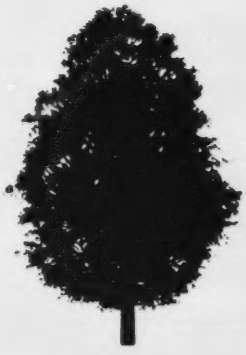
Year	1947
Species	western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla* (Raf.) Sarg.)
Arbor Day Observance	Second Wednesday in April
State Forester	Department of Natural Resources Olympia, WA 98504

West Virginia

Year	1949
Species	sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.)
Arbor Day Observance	Second Friday in April
State Forester	Department of Natural Resources 1800 Washington Street, East Charleston, WV 25305

Wisconsin

Year	1949
Species	sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.)
Arbor Day Observance	Last Friday in April
State Forester	Department of Natural Resources 101 S. Webster Street Madison, WI 53703



Wyoming

Year	1947, 1961
Species	*plains cottonwood; cottonwood (*Populus deltoides* var. *occidentalis* Ryb.; P. *sargentii* Dode-scientific name given in State law.)
Arbor Day Observance	Last Monday in April
State Forester	Wyoming State Forestry Division 1100 West 22nd Street Cheyenne, WY 82002

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